

Topics of the Home and Household.

A fine grater is better than a knife for removing the surface of anything that is burned.

Mint nowadays is used in ices, confections, sandwiches and salad, as well as in dressing for meats.

Hard boiled eggs chopped fine and mixed with mustard, a little cream and seasoning, will make a delicious sandwich.

Never throw away the skins of oranges. The grated yellow rind is a good flavoring for cakes, etc., and is cheaper than extracts.

A plain cloth dipped in hot water and then in a saucer of bran will clean white paint and not injure it. The bran acts like a soap on the paint.

It is easy to clean table silver when one has an aluminum kettle, simply by filling the kettle with clear water and boiling until the silver looks bright and clean. The bride who is fortunate enough to start with aluminum kitchen utensils need not dread the silver cleaning day.

Fried Potatoes—Fry out a little salt pork in a frypan, slice up raw potatoes as many as you think you can eat. Put them into the fat, sprinkle with salt and keep them partly frying and partly steaming till soft. Stir occasionally. Add a bit of onion, it flavors them. Have them brown and hot and they make a hearty, tasty dish.

Gasoline Rings.
When cleaning a grease spot with gasoline, one finds a ring is left around the spot, which is cleaned. If a pinch of salt is used in the gasoline while cleaning the spot no ring will be left. Another way to remove grease from silk is to place silk on ironing board with grease spot on the top side. Place a piece of brown paper upon the spot and iron with a hot iron. If one piece does not remove the spot, use another clean piece of paper and another until the spot disappears. The paper acts with grease as a blotter does with ink. A mixture of a few drops of household ammonia to about two cups of cold water will remove grease spots much better than gasoline from black and dark gray cloth.

Nuts—The Edible Kind.
The season of new nuts is here again and so the cook can turn to a source of much interest for food dishes for any day of the week.

Nut sandwiches are, perhaps, one of the best of all nut dainties. For these, nuts of any sort can be used, and they can be prepared in many ways. Best of all are just chopped nut meats, salted and added to the butter spread on thin slices of white and whole wheat bread.

Nuts are equally useful for salads. They can, as everybody in this wide world must know by this time, be combined with apple and celery in what is known as Waldorf salad. They can also be mixed with orange pulp and served with French dressing. And almond meat can be used to garnish almost any sort of meat or vegetable salad.

In cake nuts are equally good. Chocolate loaf cake can be loaf with white icing and decorated with pecan or walnut meats. And any layer cake can be put together with white icing thickly mixed with chopped nut meats.

Nut cookies made in this way are very good with tea: Beat two scant teaspoonfuls of baking soda into a cupful of molasses. Then add a cupful of sour milk, a tablespoonful of salt and two teaspoonfuls of ginger, half a cup of butter, melted, and flour to make a mixture that will drop from a spoon. Chill thoroughly, roll to a fourth of an inch in thickness and cut. Place two half pecans on each cookie and bake.

Nut can be added to plain vanilla ice cream, either of the custard sort or raw milk and cream, to make a more elaborate sort of dessert. Chop pecans fine and add about a cupful of them to a quart.

Salted pecans and almonds are always tempting. There are advocates for cooking them in butter and advocates for cooking them in olive oil, and some women declare that they are far better cooked in the oven, some that they are far better cooked in a skillet. The truth is that they are delicious however they are cooked, if only they are carefully cooked. They must be watched so that they will not become the least bit burned; they must be cooked in just enough oil or butter to make them ten-

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der but not greasy. They must be carefully salted and they must be carefully drained to free them from grease when they are done.

Good-to-Eat Christmas Presents.

If you have neither the time nor inclination to fashion Christmas gifts with your needle and find those in the shops, which appeal to you as suitable for your various friends, too costly, do not despair for there are ever so many good-to-eat presents which are not expensive and which will be welcomed with delight wherever they go.

Maybe you have a friend who has enjoyed your pet fruit salad with honey dressing; send her a basket containing the ingredients to make it—six bananas, three oranges, one cup of chopped nuts, a head of lettuce and a jar of dressing, with a recipe for making it. A Christmas touch may be added by decorating the basket with winter ferns, pine tips or holly and a tinsel bow.

Write the busy relative who is trying to be man of the house and housewife too—or perhaps the girl who is struggling with light housekeeping—that you will send the Christmas pudding. It is very little trouble to add to your recipe when making for your own family and if you wrap the pudding mold for your friend in red crepe paper and tie it with green raffia or ribbon you have a very festive gift at small cost.

I have heard so many housekeepers say they would be glad to send a cake as a present, but it meant so much baking the day before Christmas in order to have it fresh, that it was impossible to get it done. You can make the following cakes a week before Christmas and they will keep perfectly: Rub together half a cup of butter and one and one-half cups of honey and blend with them the unbeaten yolks of three eggs. After thoroughly beating, add five cups of flour sifted with two teaspoons of cinnamon, one-half a teaspoon of salt and one and one-half teaspoons of soda dissolved in two tablespoons of orange-flower water or plain water. Beat this well and fold in the whites of the eggs whipped to a stiff froth. Bake in tins and ice before sending with a frosting made as follows:

Mix one egg yolk, one teaspoon of lemon juice, the grated rind of an orange and a tablespoon of the juice and allow it to stand an hour, then strain and add confectioner's sugar until thick enough to spread.

"I love to see a neat row of fruits and vegetables in glass jars on my preserve closet shelves," said an old lady to her cousin. This was a suggestion eagerly seized upon, and a jar of peas, small beets and snap beans were given a Christmas-y appearance by covering the tops with wax paper, fringed and tied about the necks with red and green ribbon and a spray of pine.

If you live on a farm your home-made sausage meat or head cheese, gaily wrapped in Christmas attire, will be welcomed by your city friend who must often pay 35 cents a pound for good sausage and spareribs accompanied by turnips or apples will fit into any larder.

If Cousin Mary has a weakness for squash pie she will be pleased with one or two of your Hubbard squashes. The old-time flavor of rose geranium or mint in apple jelly will take to the invalid a whiff of the country. Remember, too, if you live where English walnuts, butternuts, pecans, or any of the Christmas nuts grow, that a holly or poinsettia trimmed box of the shelled meats or of the whole nuts will be received with joy.—Woman's World for December.

Dorothy Dexter.

ARE MAKING SOME PROGRESS

Joint Commissioners Still Discussing the Mexican Problem

NOTHING TOLD OF THE DISCUSSION

Counter Suggestions Made by the Mexicans Receive Attention

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 23.—After a session that continued until after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the chairman of the Mexican and American commissions dealing with the border problem, joined in the statement that some progress towards an amicable agreement had been made.

No explanation of the statement was given and nothing was told of the discussion in the commission room other than to admit that the commissioners had spent the time in further consideration of the counter suggestions made by the Mexicans after their receipt of the American plan for border control.

Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission, had not returned from Philadelphia when the other members of the joint commission resumed their conference yesterday.

He left for Philadelphia Tuesday night after spending the day studying the proposals of the American commission for an agreement on a plan of border control.

ALSO IN WASHINGTON.
Discussion of Mexican Affairs By President and Mr. Baker.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Secretary Baker lunched with President Wilson yesterday and discussed the Mexican border situation and the proceedings of the Atlantic City conference.

Mr. Baker would not reveal what plans had been made for withdrawing the American troops now in Mexico.

WE WILL GET THE ISLANDS.

Opposition in Denmark to Their Sale Has Virtually Collapsed.

London, Nov. 23.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says that as a result of the investigation by a special commission the opposition to the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States has virtually collapsed. The commission favors the sale of the islands, 23 to 7.

The Movies are Getting Better.

The moving picture department of the Woman's Home Companion says in the December issue:

"There has been a distinctly new tone to the feature films produced in the last few months, a perceptible effort to make the stories more like glimpses of life as it is lived by flesh and blood people, not by puppets in the hands of a director who has never been a student of humanity. The time has passed when a successful picture can be made up of certain conventional motion picture ingredients hastily thrown together—leering villain, a curly-haired old heroine, a handsome lover, a struggle in a locked room, a sensational rescue, and a close embrace."

"So long as features were what the name implied, they held hopes of developing the new art into something substantial. They were a step beyond the one, two, three-reel program of mediocre acting and settings. But when they became program features they too frequently lose their right to be called features, and become 'programs,' like their predecessors."

"For a time a noted dramatic star could carry a picture to financial success because of the cumulative publicity back of her. But publicity cannot popularize a face that does not screen well, or a story with no real intent, or mechanical workmanship. Even favorite heroines like Mary Pickford or Marguerite Clark cannot always carry to success a spurious story. The public is weary of the 'sixteen-year-old' curly-haired heroine who marries in the last reel; besides, it has a bad effect upon the real sixteen-year-olds. Not the hair, but the ability to stir the emotions has helped these successful screen actresses to attract the public to many a mediocre story. And that is the only reason such productions have been listed as better films."

"It is not the newness of the plot which makes a good story. There are few new plots. Most of the stories have been told countless times in literature, the drama, and now the motion picture. It is the way the plot is dressed by author and director which makes its freshness, its human appeal, and its final success. It is this new note of sincerity evident in the following select films which makes them approach more nearly to the ideal of what a better film should be."

LANSING MAY RESIGN.

Secretary's Health May Cause Him to Withdraw from Public Life March 4.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Friends of Robert Lansing, secretary of state, will not be surprised if he intends that his resignation of that office shall take effect March 4, 1917. His reasons for contemplating a withdrawal from public life for the present are purely personal, it is said, and concern chiefly his state of health. Mr. Lansing has undergone a severe strain in connection with his duties incident to the European war and that his physical condition is not as good as it was even a year ago is evident to all who meet him. He has performed the duties of secretary of state with an efficient diplomacy which has made him friends in congressional and diplomatic circles alike and as far as he has been able to do so has tried to maintain the traditions of American diplomacy. No admission of his intention to resign is expected here and the suggestion probably would be met with a denial. This dis-

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AMERICAN COLORS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DRESS GOODS

Practically All Kinds Are Now Manufactured in United States, Says I. F. Stone, President of National Aniline & Chemical Co.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 23.—Women may now get practically all of the color effects in dress goods that were known before the war upset the dye industry and will soon have every known color to choose from, all made in America, fully as good in quality as those made in Germany or any other country, according to I. F. Stone, president of the National Aniline & Chemical Co., who addressed the National Silk association convention here yesterday.

Mr. Stone told many interesting things about the dye situation. The seriousness of it, as it was viewed two years ago, has largely disappeared, he said. Large increases in production of dyestuffs by the already established factories in this country and the installment of a large number of new factories, has so cleared the situation "that at the present time the production of the American factories will be enough to take care of the whole consumption of aniline dyes in this country in the future, for all of what I might term staple colors, and before another year has passed every color which is necessary to American consumers will be produced in this country."

In explaining the success of the American dye factories, Mr. Stone said that benzole, from which practically all aniline colors are derived, was now being produced in this country at the rate of 30,000,000 gallons per annum, as against 3,000,000 prior to the war, so that there is an ample supply of this basic material. From it are now being manufactured largely such intermediates as aniline oil, betanaphthol, paranaphthol, chlorobenzole, dimethyl-lanilin and parachlorobenzidine, so that American manufacturers of colors are able to get sufficient raw materials to manufacture enough colors to supply the whole consumption.

"There is a popular impression," said Mr. Stone, "that American manufactured colors are not as good as those manufactured in Europe, Germany particularly, and this is an impression I wish to definitely correct, in that it is not a fact, for American colors are made from practically the same chemical formulae as the European colors and are practically the same product in every way."

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Inventor of Automatic System of Firearms in Serious Condition in London.

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